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SUBJ: FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN
GOLAN REGION

REF: DAMASCUS 4450

1. GROUP OF EMBOFFS TOURED NORTHERN GOLAN REGION NOV 23
AND WITNESSED EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS UNDERWAY
IN VILLAGES WHICH HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY PREVIOUS FIGHTING.
NUMEROUS HOUSES BEING BUILT IN TURUNJAH AND JUBBATA AL-KHASHAB,
BOTH WITHIN UNDOF AREA OF DISENGAGEMENT ZONE. IN KHAN
ARNABAH, WHICH STRADDLES LINE B AND IN FACT EXTENDS
INTO DISENGAGEMENT ZONE, EMBOFFS WERE TOLD BY REPS OF
BAATH PARTY KUNEITRA BRANCH THAT VILLAGE HAD BEEN
ALMOST ENTIRELY RECONSTRUCTED SINCE CEASEFIRE AND
THAT ITS INHABITANTS NOW NUMBER APPROXIMATELY THREE
THOUSAND.

2. SYRIAN MILITARY GUIDE ACCOMPANYING EMBOFFS
STATED THAT NEW MILITARY CEMETERY LOCATED JUST
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INSIDE DISENGAGEMENT ZONE PAST KHAN ARNABAH

CALLED OCTOBER CEMETERY AND WILL BE FOR SOLDIERS
WHO DIES IN OCTOBER WAR.

3. JUDGING FROM ROADSIDE SIGNS, COMMENTARY BY
SYRIAN GUIDE AND STATEMENTS MADE BY REPS EMBOFFS
TALKED WITH IN KHAN ARNABAH, LIVE MINEFIELDS STILL
POSE PROBLEMS TO VILLAGERS RESIDING IN GOLAN REGION.
SIX PEOPLE FROM KHAN ARNABAH HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE
1974 AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO THESE REPS.
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